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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1911.

THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

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TOWN NOTES.

Most of the business places of Collegeville will be closed on Christmas. Other places will be closed part of the day. Hill's drug store will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

The independent office and print shop will be closed all day on Christmas.

F. W. Scheuren's barbershop will be closed on Christmas.

The post office will be closed from 12 to 2 o'clock, Christmas.

There will be Christmas exercises in all of the rooms of the public schools on Friday afternoon. Parents and friends are expected to show their interest by attending.

Prof. Charles Langner was in town for a few hours on Tuesday. Mr. Langner is recuperating from an attack of scarletina and the quarantine was lifted Tuesday.

A postponed meeting of the board of directors of the public schools occurred Monday evening.

Miss Belle Cornish, who underwent an operation at Stetson Hospital, Philadelphia, has recovered sufficiently to be taken to the home of her brother, Dr. George Cornish, at Phoenixville.

A large number of alumni and former students of the schools were in town last week to attend the anniversary of Schaff Society.

Miss Mabel Knauer, of St. Peters, was the week end guest of Miss Rena Sponser.

William Hyde, of East Greenville, spent Monday with George Barrett.

Mrs. Bechtel and daughter Alma spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Baker, of Philadelphia, who has been spending some time with Mrs. Sponser, returned home.

J. H. Bolton is on the sick list.

William Umstead was ill with the grip last week.

Mr. Hiram Spore, of Mont Clare, was in town on Friday.

The Collegeville National Bank has been designated as a postal depository.

Leonard Bair, of Pottstown, spent Friday with Clarence Scheuren.

Messrs. Miller, of Pottstown, were the guests of Carl Bechtel on Friday.

REV. CLAPP INSTALLED AS TRINITY'S PASTOR.

Rev. William S. Clapp was installed as pastor of Trinity Reformed church, Collegeville, last Thursday evening. Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, D. D., of Philadelphia, was chairman of the installation committee and delivered the address to the congregation. Dr. Isenberg is well known here and his words found appreciation with his hearers. Rev. Frank H. Fisher, of Philadelphia, delivered the address to the pastor. The installation services were read by Rev. S. L. Messinger, D. D., of Trappe.

Horace K. Thomas Injured.

Horace K. Thomas, an Ursinus graduate, and now secretary of the Pennsylvania State Works at Spring City, was injured at his company's factory, Monday morning. He walked out of a door on the second floor of the pattern shop and stepping into space, fell to the ground and sustained serious injury. Workmen had removed a platform which stood outside the door.

Protest Rate Increase.

Following an increase in passenger rates on several of the Reading Railroad's suburban lines, residents of Jenkintown at a meeting passed this resolution: "The poor treatment given the community by the Reading Railway in lack of accommodations and the high rates of fare charged are injuring the property valuations in the town."

Hog Cholera's Ravages in Lehigh.

Members of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, who went to Lehigh county in the last week, believe the hog cholera is spreading. They are dying, discovered that the malady is hog cholera, complicated with pneumonia, and it is estimated that Lehigh farmers have suffered a loss of \$30,000.

Mr. Fegley Admitted to Philadelphia Bar.

The card of Nelson P. Fegley, Attorney-at-Law, appears in this edition of the INDEPENDENT. Mr. Fegley was recently admitted to the Philadelphia bar. He will practice at Norristown and will have an office at his home in Evansburg.

Firemen's Election Excitement Fatal.

During an exciting election at the Fairmont Fire Company's house, Norristown, last week, Jonathan Jones, one of the oldest members of the company, was taken suddenly ill and died at his home early the next morning.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. W. CUNNEY & CO., Toledo, O. We have been known for many years as the only reliable remedy on earth for this kind of trouble. It is a perfect cure in all cases, and is financially able to carry out any obligations made by its firm. WALKING, KINXAN & MARTIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials are free. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Barbara Bean.

At the home of Miss Kate Weand in Trappe, Mrs. Barbara Bean died suddenly last Thursday morning from heart trouble. Mrs. Bean was about 85 years old—her exact age is not known. She was the widow of Abraham G. Bean, who many years ago resided in Skippack and afterward went west. Mrs. Bean has lived in Trappe for a number of years. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Criley, of Franklin county. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning, with services at the home of Miss Weand at 12 o'clock, and further services and interment in the Upper Skippack Mennonite meetinghouse and cemetery at 2 o'clock. Funeral director F. W. Shalkop had charge.

Mrs. Josephine Roth.

Josephine, wife of Harry Roth, of 637 Chestnut St., Pottstown, died on Sunday night, aged 59 years. She was ill only 5 days with pneumonia. Deceased leaves a husband and three children. The funeral will be held on Saturday. All services at the house at 11 a. m. Interment in Mt. Zion cemetery. Funeral Director J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Purse Stolen at Christmas Exercises.

While Miss Grace Saylor, a daughter of H. L. Saylor, of Collegeville, was attending the Christmas exercises at Trinity Reformed church, Sunday evening, a purse was stolen from a muff. The muff, with the purse, had been left by Miss Saylor in the Sunday school room. The entertainment was held in the church auditorium. Unless the guilty person returns the purse Mr. Saylor will further investigate the case and bring legal proceedings if sufficient evidence can be secured. The purse was valued at \$5 and contained about \$2 in cash.

Arrested on Assault and Battery Charge.

George Bean, Charles Bean, Samuel Bean, Guy Johnson and Harry Dengler, of Lower Providence, were arraigned before Squire Egbert, of Norristown last week, upon the charge of assault and battery, preferred by Byron K. Hunsberger, of Skippack township. Hunsberger alleges that the defendants severely beat him when he ordered them off his premises on which they were gunning, Thanksgiving Day. They gave bail for appearance in court.

New Stack at Power Plant.

Last week a new smoke stack was unloaded at the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company's power house in Collegeville. The stack will be of the same height as the smaller of the two now in use—about 90 feet. The mechanics will begin its erection soon after the new year. Electric power is now being generated at the Collegeville plant for about 40 miles of trolley road.

Equestrian's Fall Nearly Fatal.

Seized with a cramp while riding a spirited horse into Phoenixville, Sunday afternoon, Warren F. Martin, of Philadelphia, secretary of the Pickering Hunt Club, was thrown heavily to the ground, where his mount bolted, and seriously injured. He is in the Phoenixville Hospital, suffering from concussion of the brain and a probable fracture of the skull.

Commissioners Confer.

The Montgomery County Commissioners on Tuesday held a conference with the County Commissioners of Chester county, relative to the new bridge over the Schuylkill river at Paulings. The work will be pushed as rapidly as is practical.

Christmas Program at Yerkess School.

The members of the Golden Star Literary Society of the Mennonite school, near Yerkess, are preparing for an extensive Christmas entertainment to be held on Friday evening, December 22. Miss Harley is the teacher at the Mennonite school.

Improvement to Wheelwright Equipment.

R. H. Grater, carriage builder, of near Collegeville, recently installed new machinery and an electric motor. Mr. Grater will make a specialty of repairing and tiring wheels.

Dr. Krusen Robbed.

While Dr. E. A. Krusen, a Norristown physician well known here, was eating supper at his home one night last week, a thief stole a valuable surgical case from his automobile which stood in front of the house.

Gunning Season at an End.

The gunning season came to an end last week. The present season has been a good one and many rabbits were shot in this section. Gunners say, however, that many rabbits escaped and that should dry weather prevail next spring rabbits will be exceptionally plentiful next fall.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Rudkin's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Bruises, Eczema and Sprains. Only \$1.00 a bottle. Guaranteed by Joseph W. Culbert, at J. W. Culbert's drug store, Collegeville, and at M. T. Hunsicker's, Ironbridge.

XMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

Trinity church, Collegeville, was one of the first in this section to hold the Christmas exercises by the Sunday School. The usual celebration was held on Sunday evening. Owing to the fact that no other Christmas entertainments occurred the same evening the attendance was so large that room could not be found for all and a number had to be turned away, and every available foot of space was occupied by interested auditors. The auditorium of the church was very attractively decorated with evergreens. A feature of the entertainment was the address of the pastor, Rev. William S. Clapp, appropriate in every way to Yuletide. The singing by the school was also enjoyed. Pleasing recitations were given by Elizabeth Lachman, Frank Godshall, Miss Elizabeth Yerkes, Gertrude McAlister and others. Miss Sponser had charge of the interesting exercises by the infant department.

The offering, which amounted to \$40 was donated to the Bethany Orphan's Home. In appreciation of his services in leading the singing of the Sunday School throughout the year, Mr. Larry B. Small was presented with a gold stick pin by members of the school.

Considering the inclemency of the weather there was a good turnout at the Christmas exercises held at the Union chapel, Ironbridge, Saturday evening. The chapel was decorated with the emblems of Yuletide. The program was one of the best of its kind ever presented at the chapel. Rev. Clapp was present and made an address.

Christmas Entertainment Dates.

St. Luke's Reformed, Trappe, Sunday evening, December 24.

Augustus Lutheran, Trappe, Sunday evening, December 24.

M. E. church, Evansburg, Wednesday evening, December 27.

St. James' Episcopal, Evansburg, Thursday evening, December 28.

United Evangelical, Trappe, Saturday evening, December 23.

U. E. church, Limerick, Tuesday evening, December 26.

Reformed church, Limerick, Saturday evening, December 23.

Lutheran church, Limerick, Sunday evening, December 24.

Evangelical Association, Limerick, Monday evening, December 25.

Lower Providence Baptist, Saturday evening, December 23.

Presbyterian church, Lower Providence, Christmas evening, December 25.

Skippack Reformed church, Sunday afternoon, December 24.

(Sunday School Superintendents are requested to have their names on the list of those who give recitations or solos.)

Schaff Anniversary Drew Large Gathering.

In observation of the forty-first anniversary of the Schaff Literary Society of Ursinus, members of the society presented, "The Cricket on the Hearth," a drama taken from Dickens, to an unusually large audience, Friday evening. The cast was drilled by J. Edward Lane and the play was performed in a capable manner. Previous to the play a short miscellaneous program was rendered, a feature of which was a vocal duet by Miss Grace Saylor, of Collegeville, and S. Randall Detwiler, of Ironbridge. A reception followed the play.

Anniversary of Encampment.

Tuesday was the 133rd anniversary of the beginning of the encampment of Washington's troops at Valley Forge. On December 19, 1777, General Washington and the Continental army went into camp at Valley Forge. For six months the patriots endured the hardships and privations of that memorable winter.

Improvements to Presbyterian Parsonage.

Contractor E. S. Poley and his men have about completed extensive improvements to Mount Kirk Manse, the parsonage of the Lower Providence Presbyterian church, of which Rev. Wagner is pastor. An addition was made to the house and the older portion has been remodeled.

Three Hundred Exhibitors at Schuylkill Poultry Show.

The poultry show held by the Schuylkill Poultry Association is now in progress at Hendrick's hotel, Schuylkill. The exhibition opened on Tuesday and will continue until Saturday. About 300 fanciers are exhibiting their poultry.

Register of Wills Stricken.

Samuel J. Garner, Register of Wills of Montgomery county, was stricken with acute indigestion early Friday morning, and is critically ill at his home at Hatboro. His recovery is not expected.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown of Muscatine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time. Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung troubles, hemorrhages, la grippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Joseph W. Culbert, at J. W. Culbert's drug store, Collegeville, and at M. T. Hunsicker's, Ironbridge.

Christmastide

It is well that Christmastide is a season of merry-making, of happy reunions, of accented pleasures. And withal what tender and sacred memories are associated with it. Our keenest joys sometimes invite the momentary presence of recollections of sadness; of dear ones no longer with us to share our rejoicings; of departed friends and by-gone associations. Life stands in part for an admixture of joy and sadness—sunshine and shadow. Since the shadows come unbidden how well it is that there should be special times for looking upon the sunny side of existence; for without cultivating the flowers of happiness by the wayside of life, and enjoying their attraction, the old earth would indeed be a dreary place for human habitation. It is worth while to encourage the happier moods or lay stress upon mutual efforts to lighten the burdens resting upon all; to remember that those who strive to make others happy usually find happiness for themselves. During the Christmas season of 1911 may the greatest possible measure of happiness be the portion of all, old and young; of those who have been going along the highways and by-ways of life these many years and are now facing the golden sunset; of those who have not yet reached the summer summit or autumn decline; and, yea verily, of all the boys and girls in the joyous, expectant springtime of youthful exuberance. Throughout the merry Christmas of 1911 may all give due thought to the old, old story of "Peace on Earth Good-Will to Men," and resolve to strive to effectuate the real meaning of the message. It does not mean prattling peace with the tongue and practicing strife and ill-will or injustice, one toward the other, in act and deed. May none forget that the power of the Golden Rule in practice is a potent creator of human happiness and well-being, and that the "Kingdom of Heaven"—the realization of love, good cheer, charity, justice, and the faith that leads upward toward higher and better things—is "within you," or it is nowhere. * * A Merry Christmas to all!

URSINUS FOOTBALL TEAM GIVEN COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET.

Perkiomen Bridge Hotel was the scene of the annual complimentary banquet to the football squad of Ursinus College, Saturday evening. The banquet was given by townspeople and the athletic committee and members of the faculty in honor of the gridiron warriors. Sixty persons enjoyed the delicious menu prepared under the directions of proprietor Fretz. College songs and music by a cornetist, violinist and pianist, furnished diversion between the courses of the feast.

The first after-dinner speech was made by Athletic Director John B. Price, who talked on Ursinus' recent football achievements. "Are Athletics an Asset to a College?" was answered in the affirmative by Dr. Geo. Leslie Omwake, vice-president of the college, in an appropriate toast. Capt. Kerr Thompson spoke on "Four Years in Athletics at Ursinus and What They Meant to Me." Captain-elect Paul Yeh responded to "What We Expected to Do in 1912." Ralph E. Miller indulged in "Reminiscences." Others who gave toasts were Messrs. John M. Vanderslice, A. D. Fetterolf, A. H. Hendricks, and E. E. Quay, an ex-captain.

Bridgeport Minister Wants That Place Annexed to Norristown.

Advocating that Bridgeport be joined to Norristown, Rev. Theodore Heysham, pastor of the Bridgeport Baptist church, on Sunday evening delivered a sermon in which he expounded conditions in general in that town. "Bridgeport is a forsaken habitation," he said. "Forsaken of God because forsaken of his people. There is not a single merchant or manufacturer or owner or storekeeper, that I know of, who supports a single one of the churches of Bridgeport or who expends any energy for the moral and spiritual uplift of the community. I know of no town so absolutely abandoned by its natural leaders, so completely forsaken and deserted by its business men as Bridgeport is on Sunday."

Lightning Kills Pew.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c. at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store, Collegeville, and at M. T. Hunsicker's, Ironbridge.

GEO. F. CLAMER WON SUIT.

The civil case of Geo. F. Clamer, the Collegeville plumber, against Frank Hobson, of Cynwyd, was tried before Judge Weand at the county seat, Monday. The case occupied the court from 9 a. m. until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Clamer had brought suit for \$37.51, the balance due on a bill for plumbing articles and labor, used in equipping Mr. Hobson's new home at Cynwyd, with interest from March 16, 1910.

Mr. Clamer contended that upon orders from the owner he furnished the house at Cynwyd with additional articles besides those specified in the contract. They consisted of changes in the bath tub. This was changed from the one originally specified to one one and a half feet longer. A shower bath was installed. The coal range was left out of the contract and a gas range substituted. Certain connections were made with the heater in the cellar to furnish hot water. Changes and additions were made in certain gas and water fixtures. All of these things Mr. Clamer says were extras. Mr. Hobson said that the change of the water heating to a coal in the heater and the taking out of the coal range was to be without extra charge. The shower bath and the bath tub were ordered by Mr. Hobson and he said he expected to pay them. The other items claimed by Mr. Clamer, Mr. Hobson denied he owed.

After conferring about 20 minutes the jury rendered a verdict of \$41.45 in favor of Mr. Clamer. Mr. Hobson will have to pay the costs amounting to about \$40.

DESTROY REMNANTS OF GARDEN PLANTS NOW.

Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, calls attention to the importance of promptly destroying the remnant of garden plants and truck crops at this time of year, rather than leaving them in the gardens or fields until spring. If destroyed now, many of their pests are destroyed with them; if allowed to remain until spring, many of these pests have opportunity to escape.

The vines of potatoes, cucumbers, squash, melons, etc., should be raked together and thrown on dry straw or brush and burned. This gets rid of both the insects and fungous diseases lurking therein. The old asparagus plants should be cut off and burned, and straw spread over the asparagus bed and burned thereon at once, to get rid of the asparagus beetles, and then the soil containing the asparagus roots can be well mulched with a cover of litter of any kind to protect them during the winter.

It is especially important that the stalks of cabbage plants and the imperfect heads should be removed and fed to swine or cattle, or kept in storage in a cool place to feed to poultry during the winter. Even the old stalks from which heads have been cut should be removed from the soil and treated as directed above, or burned. Several kinds of pests are liable to be found upon the old stalks or the leaves clinging thereto. The best way to destroy them is to feed them to livestock or burn them.

EVANSBURG.

Bishop Garland, the new Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese, will be at St. James' church, Evansburg, next Sunday morning at 10.30, for confirmation.

The Sunday school Christmas exercises of St. James' will be held in the parish building, Thursday evening, the 28, Holy Innocents' evening. A most delightful time is anticipated.

Miss Lillian Shuler, of Norristown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cleaver.

The Christmas entertainment of the M. E. church will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, 1911.

Mrs. Wm. Buckwalter has built an addition to her house.

The Custer sisters are having a new roof put on their house. Jacob Buckwalter is doing the work.

N. B. Keyser purchased a carload of hogs a few days ago.

IRONBRIDGE.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Custer and Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Spore spent Saturday with Lewis Spore at Creamery.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Bucher, of Trappe, were the guests of W. C. Hunsicker and wife on Sunday.

Charles Undercoffer, of Germantown, is spending several days with his mother, Mrs. Sophia Undercoffer.

I. P. Williams was in town last Thursday.

V. T. Haldeman, of Lederach, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Haldeman, on Friday.

Main street is being treated with a coat of gravel.

Rumor has it that Jonas Shaffer has sold his property at this place.

Free turkey lunch all day Christmas, and free dance at Ogden's hotel, Ironbridge, Saturday evening, December 30. All invited.

Burglars Visit Farm House.

Early Tuesday morning burglars broke into the residence of Jesse A. Grubb, a farmer residing along the Ridge road, in Chester county, half way between Spring City and Phoenixville, and were making a rich haul when they were discovered.

TRAPE NEWS.

The Reformed and Lutheran churches both will hold Christmas exercises by the Sunday schools on Sunday evening, Christmas eve.

Overcome by coal gas that escaped from a cook stove in the kitchen, Mrs. Joseph Stone Jewel had a narrow escape from asphyxiation early Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Jewel reside on the first floor of Masonic Hall. A lid had been left off of the kitchen stove Saturday night, and coal gas filled the room. Mrs. Jewel had occasion to go into the kitchen early Sunday morning and was quickly overcome. She fell unconscious to the floor and in doing so left a dish she had set from a cupboard. Her husband attributes the escape of his wife to the fact that the dish in falling made considerable noise and aroused him. Otherwise he probably would not have discovered his wife's condition until it would have been too late. The noise of the falling dish aroused Mr. Jewel and the silence that followed prompted him to investigate. He found his wife unconscious. Fresh air soon restored her, but she suffered discomfort for some time. A similar accident caused the death of Felix F. Highley in Norristown about two months ago.

A meeting of the St. Luke's Club occurred Thursday evening. Henry W. Mathieu was elected president, Horace Heflinger vice-president, Robert Miller secretary, and Allan Harley treasurer.

A meeting of the Heidelberg League of St. Luke's church was held on Sunday.

Among those from this section who attended the poultry show in Philadelphia, this week, was Miss A. G. Plank.

Ralph Wismer and his aunt, Miss Sue Fry, spent Sunday with relatives in Graterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Price spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Grater.

The improvements to the banquet room of Masonic Hall have been completed.

Lawrence Thompson was in town on Sunday. Mr. Thompson is about to engage in the hydrogen welding business in Scranton.

Mrs. J. C. Umstead is spending some time in Camden.

Mr. Reiner Rambo and daughter spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. W. Z. Anders.

Ira Saylor, of Conshohocken, visited J. C. Keller, Sunday.

Frank Saylor, of Lancaster, visited his brother, John C. Saylor.

PARKER INCUBATOR COMPANY HONORED WITH FIRST PRIZE.

At the Philadelphia Poultry Show, held last week, the "Soorn" Brooder, manufactured by the Parker-Kline Company in Trappe, was awarded the first prize. This signal honor has greatly encouraged those back of the new enterprise and the news will be welcomed by many who desire to see it prosper. Messrs. Parker and Kline have begun the manufacture of the brooder in a small way in Trappe, and they have seemingly well grounded hopes that the business will grow.

SKIPPACK.

At last the trolley will go to the power house. A gang of fourteen Italians are doing the grading.

Mr. Harry Dambly, director of the Christmas exercises, has engaged four special accompanists from Norristown, with the service and the talk by Rev. Clapp, and a program of recitations by the children. It is hoped that these features will attract a large crowd Sunday afternoon at 2.15.

This is to call the attention of the public in general to the Christmas exercises to be given by the public school Friday afternoon, December 22. A feature of the program is a dialogue entitled: "Colonel Grundy's Xmas," consisting of catchy songs and recitations. The teachers cordially invite all to be present at 2.30 p. m. at the schoolhouse.

Miss Idella Croll and Kepler Tyson attended the Adelphi Society anniversary at Pennsburg Seminary on Saturday evening, December 16.

The barber's arm is slowly improving.

The talk on the "School Code" by Mr. Amos Schultz was very interesting and instructive and caused Mr. B. W. Dambly to make an address on "Why should not this new school law be carried into effect here?" By the applauding one can readily judge that the general public is anxious to carry the code through to the end. One of the interesting features of this Friday evening's program is an essay by Mr. George Eisenhart. Let us have a full schoolhouse.

All join together in thanking the road supervisors, who have had a meeting and a turkey supper Monday evening, for the excellent macadamized roads through the village. But where are the sidewalks? The land owners should now be liberal enough to finish the good work.

Edward Hack's fingers are healing nicely, and Mr. Gurth and Mr. Becker are as usual.

Mr. Roy Wright, who left for Florida, is working in the Barcoona Hotel in St. Augustine.

Mr. William Willauer will work for Mr. Place at the sawmill.

COUNTY AND STATE.

Happenings From Near and Far Told in Brief Paragraphs.

The Press League of Bucks and Montgomery Counties will hold its annual meeting and reunion at Norristown on January 30.

Thieves who a couple of nights ago forced an entrance to the country home of John S. Newbold, on Washington lane, near Jenkintown, overlooked a rope of pearls worth \$7500 and other art objects approximating \$2500.

Pottstown had the unusually low record of only five deaths last month, while the births totaled 20.

William P. Bolger, of Norristown, was awarded \$145 for damages done to his barber shop by the Norristown City Garage Company, of Norristown, an employee of which concern crashed into his window while delivering an automobile.

Despondent because he was out of work because of the strike at Wood's manufacturing plant in Conshohocken, one of the employees committed suicide.

William Gordon, who pleaded guilty to killing his wife at Willow Grove on July 15, was sentenced by Judge Weand to 8 years in the Montgomery county prison.

While boiling soap, Mrs. Ritout, a Boyertown woman, was severely scalded when the kettle overturned. Rev. Chester E. Rettew is the newly appointed pastor of the United Brethren church at Mont Clare.

Three hundred and five dollars was awarded to Catharine Gehris, a Norristown girl, injured by a lion at a wild west show.

Pottstown School Directors propose opening some of the schools in the evenings for boys to read good books.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL TEN O'CLOCK

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Sweaters, - - -	50 to 6.00	Tie Hose Sets, -	\$1 and \$1.50
Cardigan Jackets, 1.00 to 5.00		Gloves, - - -	25c to 2.75
Fancy Vests, -	1.50 to 5.00	Dress Shirts, -	50c to 1.50
Bath Robes, (special) -	3.75	Mufflers, - - -	25c to 1.50

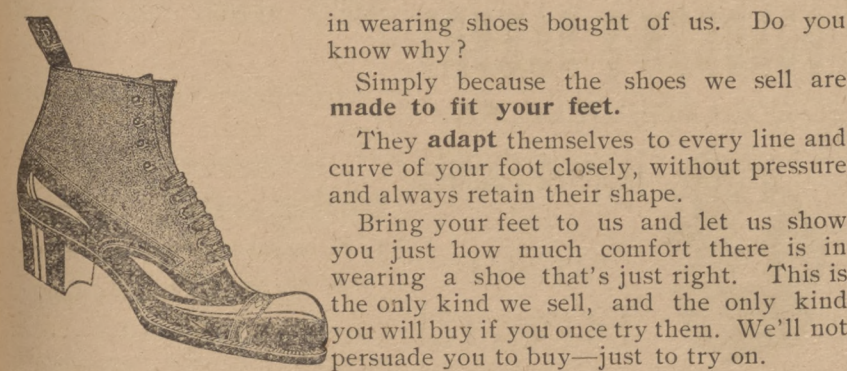
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Mrs. Hogan's Christmas Basket

It Was Certainly a Surprise
to All
By CLARISSA MACKIE
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ciation, 1911.

Three days before Christmas Mrs.
Ray stole into the house with the last
of her Christmas purchases sagging
down a net bag. She went straight
upstairs to the attic, gliding swiftly
past the open sitting room door and
narrowly escaping a collision with
her husband in the upper hallway.

For the first time since she had been
old enough to assume an active in-
terest in Christmas giving, Angela
Ray had purchased her Christmas gifts
several days before the festival.

"Well, mother, have you really fin-
ished your shopping?" asked her
young daughter Maude at supper that
night.

"Everything, dear," returned Mrs.
Ray, with a victorious smile around the
table. "Even something to fill a
basket for Mrs. Hogan."

"I hope you didn't forget old man
Hogan," observed her husband.

"I've remembered everybody, even
the old grandmother. I'm not to be
caught napping this year," she said
emphatically. "When I think of for-
mer years, when Christmas eve has
been made miserable by frantic scurrying
around after last minute gifts and in
the end find I've forgotten some-
body after all, I declare I will never
be caught again! It is such a blessed
relief to have it off my mind."

"Sure you haven't forgotten one of
us, mother?" asked Bobby.

Mrs. Ray cast a startled glance
around the table, mentally checking

off the gifts she had prepared. Grand-
mother Ray, her husband, the three
children—Maude, Bobby and little Paul
—all had been remembered. In the
basket upstairs was a handsome pipe
with her husband's initials engraved
on a gold band. Grandmother's gift
was a warm sweater rug to wrap
around her chilly knees. Maude had
a perfectly appointed little workbas-
ket and a string of gold beads, for
Bobby there was a toy moving picture
show, for little Paul a variety of in-
teresting toys to amuse the three-year-
old.

"I haven't forgotten one of you,"
she said triumphantly. "Wait and
you will see on Christmas morning."

"It won't seem like Christmas eve,
Angela, unless you do run downtown
and do a little shopping," teased her
husband.

"I'm safe this year," said Angela,
and she really believed that she was.

At odd moments during the next two
days Mrs. Ray stole up to the attic
and sorted out and wrapped up her
Christmas gifts.

The day before Christmas was given
over to the final preparations. A big
tree was placed in the sitting room
and the door locked against the guer-
rilla like incursions of the children.

Grandmother Ray was in the kitchen
directing the little maid-servant in the
stern eye of the turkey and keeping a
sharp eye on the toothsome contents of
the pantry, where the shelves were
laden with good things.

Mrs. Ray was packing a market bas-
ket with good things for the Hogans,
who had had bad luck that winter and
were in need. Rory Hogan, the father,
had broken a leg on Thanksgiving day
and was still confined to a chair, rest-
less and unhappy at sight of his frail
wife overtaxing her strength at wash-
tubs and ironing board. There were
two children besides and an aged
grandmother.

"Let me see. There's the little
roast of pork, some potatoes, apples,
turnips, onions, a glass of jelly and a
mince pie," enumerated Mrs. Ray as
she twisted the top of a paper bag
containing nuts and candy for the lit-
tle Hogan.

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accepted a red apple and a handful of
cookies from grandmother, with an
ecstatic grin on his freckled face.

"There's another basket at the head
of the attic stairs," said grandmother.
"I wonder if Jimmy is able to bring it
down?"

"Sure, ma'am, I'm as strong as a
horse," assured Jimmy as grandmother
pointed the way up the back stairs.

"A big brown basket at the head of
the attic stairs," she directed him, and
momentarily Jimmy came down, bearing
its bulk cheerfully.

"When Mrs. Hogan had departed,
leaving a shower of blessings upon
the entire Ray family, grandmother
finished her tasks and sought her
daughter-in-law, whose caller had just
departed.

"The Hogans came and got their
things, Angela," said grandmother
placidly.

"I am so glad! Did Jimmy bring the
basket from the attic?"

"Yes, I told him it was at the head
of the attic stairway, and he brought
it down. They were as happy as could
be, poor souls," said grandmother joy-
ously.

"I am glad, mother. You had better
lie down now, and then, about 10
o'clock perhaps, you will feel able to
help Harry and me dress the tree."

The Rays were still sitting around
the supper table this Christmas eve
when the door opened suddenly and
Mrs. Hogan appeared, bobbing delig-
hted curls and streaming tears of
blissful joy.

"Oh, 'tis the kind heart-ys yez have,
Mister Ray and family!" she ejacu-
lated, wiping her eyes. "Niver her th'
Hogans had sich a Christmas in their
lives! Th' beautiful food, sure it made
our mouths water jest to look at it! An'
wain Hogan found his handsum
polpe wid th' gold band about it and
his inishuls and all on it, he fair cried
wid joy, he was that plazed. An' th'
terbaccer! Sez he, 'Biddy Hogan, they've
even got me inishuls on th' polpe, though
they be inishuls afore'—his name being
Rory Hogan and the inishuls being 'H. R.'
Mister Ray!" Mrs. Hogan paused for
breath and Henry Ray cast a startled
glance at his wild eyed wife.

Angela recovered herself with an
effort. Her lips trembled, as she
mentally saw the mistake that had
been made. The excited Jimmy had
overlooked the brown basket at the
head of the attic stairs, but his keen
young eyes had searched the depths of
the attic and discovered the big
brown basket, in which the Christmas
gifts for her family were hidden. They
were all unmarked as yet, and so the
Hogan family had accepted them and
were rejoicing in their possession, and
it was too late to recover them. Pa-
tient Biddy Hogan had not marveled
that there was no present for herself
—the joy of her family was enough for
her.

"I have still another basket for you,
Mrs. Hogan," said Angela quietly. "It
contains more useful things—Henry,
will you bring it down? It's—at the
head of the attic stairs."

When Mrs. Hogan had staggered
away under the weight of the second
basket, which contained much sensible
wearing apparel and things to gratify
her own meager vanity, Angela Ray
faced her doubtful family.

"She got the wrong basket—all your
presents were inside—I had bought
everything—but somehow I shall never
forget how perfectly happy she look-
ed!"

"Oh, mother, dear! And so you will
have got shoddy tonight, after all!"
cried Maude woefully.

Mr. Ray had slipped from the room
and now returned with his wife's hat,
cloak and furs. Without a word he
invested her in them and put on his
own outdoor garments.

"Mother and I are going shopping,"
he said. "We're never again going to
buy beforehand—we are going every
Christmas eve—it's the safest plan."

TRAINING THE HAWK.
A Feeding Lesson Given by an Old
Bird to its Young.

While fishing in a remote and wild
part of Scotland a British naturalist
chanced to witness an entertaining per-
formance in the form of a feeding les-
son given by an old hawk to its young.

A cry of a young hawk to its parent
was heard, and the naturalist soon lo-
cated three young peregrine falcons
sitting on a rocky ledge, their backs
overhanging the lake in which he was
fishing. Presently the old bird came
into view, like a dot out of the sky,
and made straight for her voracious
young.

She poised high above the shelf on
which they were sitting and to the
surprise of the watcher dropped the
bird she was carrying. She had so
chosen her position that the bird cleared
the rock as it fell toward the lake.
Instantly the young No. 1 dashed off
the cliff. Evidently this was not its
first lesson, for it hurried itself into a
beautiful swoop and actually caught
the prey before it reached the water.

The youngster was not allowed to
enjoy it, however, for down came the
old bird and with the utmost grace
snatched it from the young one's grasp
and ascended in rapid rings to the
height of several hundred feet. The
discomfited youngster with some diffi-
culty reached to the rocky shelf.

The old hawk repeated this man-
euver, dropping the prey this time in
front of No. 2.

The young all knew their lesson, for
neither No. 1 nor No. 3 ventured to
steal it. It was No. 2 who started in pur-
suit and, like his brother or sister,
succeeded in interrupting the falling
prey before it reached the water.

The old hawk did as before, snatch-
ing the prey from her offspring. Ris-
ing high in the air, she this time drop-
ped it before No. 3 who in turn caught
it. But No. 3 was not allowed to pos-
sess the prize. The old hawk now as-
cended to the shelf beside the young
ones, tore the prey to pieces and pro-
ceeded to divide it equally among her
hungry and expectant progeny.—Har-
per's Weekly.

Japanese Have Fresh Air.
Different from other nations, we Ja-
panese are accustomed to keep the
rooms freely opened in order to facili-
tate the cool breeze to invade. Thus
the blind is generally hanged down
from the porch capable to protect
those who occasionally peep in. The
blind or shade is made of split bam-
boo or reeds. It is so fixed that one
who is behind the blind only could
look out at one who is in front place,
or, in other words, those who sit in
darker side could only recognize one
in lighter side, but never vice versa.—
Tokyo Life, The International Review.

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OAKS.

A merry Christmas to The INDEPENDENT and to all who are connected with the office. A merry Christmas to all its patrons, its readers and may you have a very happy Christmas and live to enjoy many more Christmas days and read the INDEPENDENT help digest your Christmas dinner. It would be the proper thing to present any neighbor who does not take the INDEPENDENT with a year's subscription of the paper and know what's going on in the township and county. Just the thing for a Christmas present.

After the fine weather we had last week comes the rain. It takes all kinds of weather to make the seasons. Seasonable or unreasonable, criticism is out of order.

Mrs. Christian Miller visited friends in Spring City, Thursday.

Harry Brown is home for a while.

Mrs. Mary Shunk visited friends in Pleasant View, Sunday.

Congressman Diefenderfer voted for the Pension bill.

Christmas Day exercises will be held Sunday forenoon at the Green Tree church. As the forenoon will be given over to the Sunday School, it is well to be there early, quarter of ten o'clock. There's a musical treat in store for you. Christmas carols, recitations in commemoration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ben C. Davis is their choirist and will make it a day of thanksgiving and praise. In the evening the Bible Class will hold their Christmas exercises.

That coon John U. Francis, Jr., captured, not to roast but to tame, reform, etc., was altogether too progressive for a stand patter and it made a break for liberty and another coon is free without the necessary proclamation. Jack Taylor saw the coon light out for that coon land where coons most do congregate and gave the alarm. The Oaks Coon Club was notified. There is no reward offered.

The Civic League held a meeting Tuesday evening when the tramp, bum and hobo question was considered and that class of cattle would better steer clear of Oaks or suffer the consequences. Those able-bodied men who don't work and won't work and who enjoy cozy quarters at the County Home will have to break stone and they'll be getting out for more genial chimes, but they don't want to come to Oaks or the surrounding neighborhood, or they will suffer for the intrusion. The officers of the league will be the same as last year, elected by the secretary casting the ballot. The Civic League should be sustained and maintained as its motives are most commendable and a benefit to the town and surrounding community.

The National Tribune, Washington, D. C., says the Sherwood Pension bill is declared to be bungling, unbecoming, crude, contradictory, wretched grammar, bad in English and unintelligible. Estimates and reports declared valueless. What a reflection on our law makers. It is no wonder hen's don't lay. Like Bill Lukes, when a friend asked of his health said, if it was not for his rheumatism, gout, dyspepsia, eczema, hernia, asthma, bronchitis and a bunion which annoys him powerfully and a lame back where a blind mole kicked him in mistake for a bob-tailed dog, he'd enjoy tolerable good health. Don't fool yourself or be fooled on the Pension bill. It is a fake as it is being tangled up not to be untangled and you old fellows who lost your teeth chewing cart- rages in your younger days and must gum your food in your older days, can buy a tooth to chew the cud of disappointment, all yo' 'nach'ral bon' days we're thinking. His excellency the governor of New Jersey has little time for a soldier and no time for pen-pans, yet he asked for a pension. He is like old Judkins when he prayed the Lord would bless "me and my wife, my son and his wife, my four and no more."

John C. Dettra is making big improvements to the flag factory, putting in dynamos, and it is expected the surplus electricity will be turned over to the Civic League if they furnish the lights. Mr. Dettra is all around wide awake man as he has boomed the name of this town all over the Union, and its up to the people to show a just appreciation for what he has done for Oaks and the surrounding country. Oaks first and all the time and all the time for Oaks. So let into the Civic League and help the good cause along. Civic pride tends to civic righteousness and righteous exalteth a nation and Oaks is expected to do her share in the exaltation.

A THRILLING RIDE.

Flight of a Fast Mail Train to Make Up Lost Time.

When the first really fast mail between Omaha and San Francisco reached Evanston, Wyo., at the foot of the Wasatch mountains, it was fifty minutes late. There it was met by a powerful engine in charge of a reckless engineer, Bill Downing by name. Captain James E. White, ex-superintendent of the railway mail service, tells in his reminiscences how Bill made up the fifty minutes.

The distance to Ogden is seventy-six miles. "I shall not be happy," said Downing to one of the newspaper reporters who were to make the run on this first fast mail, "until I have done that seventy-six miles in seventy-two minutes."

When he threw the lever and opened the throttle the train made a start that settled everybody's dinner. And once the train was under way it seemed as if the curves on the line were all straightened out by the tremendous speed. Going down Weber canyon the pace was awful. "Three miles in two minutes" gasped Captain White. But Downing did not reduce the speed. Down the winding line of Tapoca chug the rear coach was swinging from side to side. You could hear the wheels grind on the curves and feel the continuous striking as they bore first against one rail and then against the other.

Faster and faster the train swept along, roaring over bridges, tearing through tunnels, rocking round upon curves. Some of the newspaper men fainted through nervous exhaustion, and many of the other passengers had already succumbed.

Suddenly, in rounding the reverse loop in Antelope gap, the rear coach careened till it hung by one wheel on the rail. As soon as the moment of suspense was over General Manager Dickinson sprang to his feet and called: "Pull the bell rope, quick, Brown, and run forward and tell Downing to stop this if he wants us to reach Ogden alive!"

Then, not to risk another such second, the general manager sprang to the rear platform and twisted up the brake with all his might.

The seventy-six miles of intricately curved track were covered in sixty-five minutes. It was a hair raising record, and several passengers who had never through experience did not recover from the shock for a long time.

CHURCH SERVICES.

NOTE.—Announcements to appear under this heading must reach the INDEPENDENT office not later than Monday noon.

Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, Rev. W. O. Feigley, pastor, Sunday School at 9 o'clock; preaching at 10.15; Evening services at 7.30; Teachers' meeting on Wednesday evening.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. William S. Clapp, pastor, services at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 9.30 a. m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 1.30 p. m., and Senior C. E. at 6.30 p. m.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, D. D., pastor, Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Meeting of the Junior League at 2 p. m. Meeting of the Heidelberg League at 6.45 p. m. Bible Study and Teacher Training meeting 7.30 p. m. Wednesday. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

Evansburg M. E. Church.—Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

St. Paul's Memorial Parish (Episcopal), Oaks, the Rev. Geo. W. Barnes, rector, Sunday services at 10.30 a. m., 3.30 p. m. and Sunday School 2.15 p. m. At Audubon "Chapel-of-Ease," Old Union Church, 10.40 a. m. Hearty welcome. The Rector asks to be advised where visitations or ministrations are desired. Address Oaks P. O. or 'phone Bell 5-967, Phoenixville.

St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. F. S. Balleine, rector, Morning service and sermon 10.30, Sunday School, 2.15 p. m. Evening prayer and address at 8.30. Holy Communion, first Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.

Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Graterford, Rev. H. K. Kratz, pastor, Sunday School at 9.15 a. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

River Brethren, Graterford, Preaching at 7.30 p. m. Graterford Chapel, Preaching at 7.30 p. m. Trappe U. E. Church, Rev. F. Vocum, pastor, Preaching at 10 a. m. Sunday School, 9 a. m., Prayermeeting, Wednesday evening at 7.30.

WANTED.—All kinds of live poultry. Good fresh eggs. ISAAC LAKOFF, Collegeville, Pa. Keystone phone 9.

FOR SALE.—Two parlor heaters. Apply at the residence of SAMUEL REIFF, Collegeville, Pa. 12-7.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE.—Oak and hickory firewood for sale; cut any length. Apply to WINFIELD W. HARLEY, Trappe, Pa. 11-9.

FOR SALE OR RENT.—Three very desirable 8 and 10-room properties, with improvements, barns and chicken houses. Also a fine lot on Main street, Collegeville, at very attractive figures. JOHN H. SPANG, Real Estate Agent, Engleville, Pa. 10-35.

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W. D. KENNINGER, Cashier.

COOKING A HEDGEHOG.

Bake It in Clay Into a Solid Mass and Carve It With a Knife. When a Maine Indian has the choice of a hedgehog, a skunk, a woodchuck and a muskrat for dinner he will select the first named invariably and take the skunk as second choice, leaving the woodchuck, which is the only one of the lot a Maine white man would taste, to the last. Unlike the skunk and the woodchuck, which are lean and unsavory except for a few months in the fall, or the muskrat, which is never fat and which has a strong flavor in spite of parboiling, the hedgehog is always fat and in condition and has meat that is as tender and white as that of a spring chicken.

The method of cooking a hedgehog is so simple that a novice can learn in one short lesson. When the epicure is permitted to make a choice he selects the large old males, which at times weigh thirty or forty pounds. The preparation consists in removing the viscera, washing out the interior and filling the cavity with slices of fat pork, peeled raw potatoes, sprigs of spearmint and wild celery from the brook.

Then, without removing the quills or skinning, the body is plastered thickly with wet clay from the nearest bank. The muddy, bulky mass is thrust into live coals and covered with blazing fagots to be roasted for two hours.

On removal from the coals, the clay is found to have been baked into a hard and solid mass, which must be broken open with an ax or a heavy stone, whereupon the skin and quills of the animal cling to the clay wrapping and fall away, leaving the clean white meat ready to be eaten.—New York Herald.

A Bridge of Ants.

A species of ants which spin silk is common in hot countries. The ants nest in the ground and the leaves together to make their nests. The silk used for this purpose is not secreted by the adult ants, but by the larvae. In order to attach the silken threads and draw the leaves together the ants must carry the larvae about from leaf to leaf. When two distant leaves are to be drawn together a remarkable method is employed. Five or six ants form a chain bridging the gap between the leaves, each gripping the waist of another in its mandibles. A number of such chains will co-operate in bringing two leaves together.

A Legend of Lace.

According to Melchior de Vogue, the legend of lace is as follows: A Venetian sailor gave his ladylove a frond of spreading seaweed to keep him in memory while at sea. But the girl found that the seaweed was rapidly drying up and disappearing. So she caught the fine branches and leaves of the plant with thread against a piece of linen and, working on, with her thoughts following her lover, invented lace.

Force of Habit.

He was an old merchant who had built up a big business by advertising "John," said his wife, "what do you want on your tongue?" "Oh," he answered, "It isn't very important what the text is so long as it gets good space and is well displayed."—London Telegraph.

Keeps It Well.

Nell—Don't you think Miss Antique keeps her car remarkably well? Belle—Sure. She never gives it away.—Philadelphia Record.

How It Went.

"I hear you won a big dollar prize." "I did. And I have already loaned out \$165. Invested \$200 in schemes and alienated \$3,000 worth of other friends."—Pittsburgh Post.

Dodges Trouble.

Blobs—Borrowed the sort of fellow who is always looking for trouble. Slobbs—Oh, I don't know. He is always anxious to dodge a creditor.—Philadelphia Record.

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